

## **2022 Early December Update**

### **Dear Friends and Customers**

The 2022 farm year is almost complete.

Things are wrapping up just as planned.

Only one harvest day remains, December 13<sup>th</sup>. On the 13th we will harvest the last of the beef animals.

The weather is about on track too. Too cold to work the soil or to do anything that involves water.

The fields, pastures and woods are winter quiet.

Everything is sold, except, a couple of 1/10ths of ground bison are still available.

There will also be several 1/10ths of ground beef available from the December 13<sup>th</sup> harvest.

The next harvest, hence the next chance to get ground meat, will be June.

**Email me if you wish some of the remaining ground.** (Do not delay. It often goes quickly.)

We will continue weekly **metro drop offs** until Christmas. Then as needed, off and on, into January.

In January, probably early January, I will send the information you need to place your 2023 orders. Wait for that message.

Long time great customer Mark L. emailed a link to a **Regenerative Farming** article. Many of you send informative links and I appreciate that.

Mark knew that we are not just participants but leaders in Regenerative Farming. The phrase, Regenerative Farming, means to farm in ways that restore and rebuild the soil and the landscape.

Over the years we have hosted and lectured to many groups from the Sustainable Farming Association (SFA), the U of M, and others.

Our Snake River Farm is a long-time member and supporter of the SFA.

I am telling you this because you can take credit for sustaining and regenerating this small piece of the earth. Without your patronage we could not restore these soils nor provide good habitat for the animals, both domestic and wild, that live here.

Feel good about that.

### **Here is a 2023 preview.**

The main business of this farm is pastured cattle, hogs and bison. That will continue virtually unchanged. Prices will increase. Our costs have increased terrifically in recent years and especially in the past two years.

We resisted price increases as long as possible. Probably longer than we should have.

We must make substantial price increases to keep the farm viable.

As you know, we are transitioning the farm to a new generation.

That has been underway for two years and it will take several more years.

To accomplish that transition we need to focus on what is most important.

Specifically, that means we will not grow poultry for sale at our farm in 2023.

The Jopp Family may raise poultry for you in the future. They did a great job of providing chickens and turkeys for you in 2022.

We will put you in contact with their farm as appropriate.

To my personal disappointment we will raise fewer, if any sheep or goats in 2023.

Again, we will continue to provide cattle, bison and hogs.

**Thank you for enabling us to provide meat to your families and to care for this land and the animals that we raise on it.**

As near as I can determine we at Snake River Farm have the best customers in the world.

Just in case I do not send another Update before, Happy Hannukah and Merry Christmas.

Tom

p.s. Email me if you have questions.

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